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Dear Dr. Gilchrist:

Thank you for your letter of 17 November; it was kind of you to offer your cooperation. However, I'm afraid the message was somewhat distorted on its passage through the rumor channel. The only basis that there could be for it is that we are contemplating some expansion of our own program in this department at Stanford University.

If Dr. Webb Haymaker, now in charge of the Life Sciences Laboratory that NASA has set up at Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, has not visited Point Mugu there might be some merit in his being acquainted with your facilities.

Yours sincerely,

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